

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-2021-018]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We have submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval to continue to collect information from people requesting military records so that we can locate, identify, and provide the requested information. We invite you to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: OMB must receive written comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Send any comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection in writing to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. You can find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review – Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamee Fechhelm, Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, by email at tamee.fechhelm@nara.gob or by telephone at 301.837.1694 with any requests for additional information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. We published a notice of proposed collection for this information collection on August 7, 2020 (85 FR 47989) and we received no comments. We are therefore submitting the described information collection to OMB for approval.

If you have comments or suggestions, they should address one or more of the following

points: (a) whether the proposed information collection is necessary for NARA to properly perform its functions; (b) our estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection and its accuracy; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect; (d) ways we could minimize the burden on respondents of collecting the information, including through information technology; and (e) whether this collection affects small businesses.

In this notice, we solicit comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Request Pertaining to Military Records

OMB number: 3095-0029

Agency form number: SF 180 and NA Form 13176; online form in eVetRecs is an electronic equivalent to the SF 180

Type of review: Regular

Affected public: Individuals who request access to military records, military medical records, and medical records of military dependents

Estimated number of respondents: 953,328

Estimated time per response: 5 minutes

Frequency of response: On occasion (when an individual wishes to request information from military records, military medical records, or medical records of military dependents)

Estimated total annual burden hours: 79,444 hours

Abstract: The general purpose of this voluntary data collection is to determine what is being requested, where records are located, what information is releasable, and where to send the response. When third parties submit requests, the information collected and provided serves as records of disclosure, which are required by the Privacy Act. The information collected via the SF 180 and eVetRecs is vital to our National Personnel Records Center, which stores and handles these records. We need this information to locate and release information from requested records. It also significantly improves our ability to provide timely and accurate

information to requesters.

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